

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, October 15, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Eternal God, at the beginning of a new workweek, we look to You for guidance in addressing the items on the legislative calendar and on our own personal agenda. In this era of new information, knowledge and exciting technological advancement help us to sift through in a careful and thoughtful manner the legislative proposals and suggestions of constituents. Often answers to current issues are not readily available. In Your goodness help us to make the right, fair and ethical decisions by remaining faithful to our philosophical principles, traditional values and personal goals.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Jane
Swift.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Bosley of North Adams) congratulating Governor Jane Swift on the occasion of her distinction as the Woman of Achievement 2007 by the Northern Berkshire Business and Professional Women's Club;

Geoff
Wilkinson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham) honoring Geoff Wilkinson for his work with the Massachusetts Public Health Association;

Peter M.
Rossi.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Peter M. Rossi on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Erik
William
Stell.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Erik William Sotell on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

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Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Wakefield to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (Senate, No. 1650) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Wakefield,
pension
obligation.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Lori Silva, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2351) (on a petition);

Lori
Silva,
sick leave
bank.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relative to housing rights for victims of violence (House, No. 1241),— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Housing. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Victims
rights.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, No. 1171, a Bill relative to health care access (House, No. 4290). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Health
Care,
access.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Walrath, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lori Silva, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2351) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Lori
Silva,
sick leave
bank.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to preserving Polish heritage in the Pioneer Valley (House, No. 1184). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Polish
history.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Resolve establishing a special commission relative to tick borne illness (House, No. 4201) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committees on Ways and Means.

Tick borne
illness.

Lawrence,
land
conveyance.

Bar and club
staff,
background.

Economic
development.

Limited
partnerships.

Limited
partnerships,
conversion.

Timothy R.
Grabarz and
Thomas E.
Cady.

Mashpee
Water
District.

Wareham
fund.

North Carver
Water District.

Wachusett
Regional
School
District.

Seniors,
bank fees.

Dental
corporations.

Disabled
persons.

Old King's
Highway.

Mosquitos.
Burlington.

Trial court,
sick leave
bank.

By Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on House, No. 4129, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the city of Lawrence (House, No. 4296).

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to third party training and background checks for violent history for security staff at bars and clubs (House, No. 277).

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, Nos. 375 and 377, a Bill relative to the economic development of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4297).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to limited partnerships and limited liability companies (House, No. 378).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 379, a Bill relative to the conversion of certain limited partnerships (House, No. 4298).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Exempting Timothy R. Grabarz and Thomas E. Cady from the maximum age requirement for appointment as a police officer in the town of Raynham (Senate, No. 1621) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the Mashpee Water District to enter into a certain agreement with the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 2282, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing a community events fund for the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 2287) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing the North Carver Water District (Senate, No. 2308) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the Wachusett Regional School District to borrow money for the cleanup of oil contamination and related costs (Senate, No. 2322); and

House bills

Relative to exempting seniors from certain bank fees (House, No. 975);

Relative to the investment of reserves by dental service corporations (House, No. 1042);

To establish self determination for persons with disabilities (House, No. 1898);

Relative to the Old King's Highway District (House, No. 1997);

Relative to mosquito control (House, No. 2116);

Relative to exempting the positions of police and fire chiefs from civil service (House, No. 2363) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing an extended illness leave bank for Trial Court employees (House, No. 2582);

Designating May 24 as Phenylketonuria Awareness Day (House, No. 3174);

Authorizing the Dennis Water District to convey certain land (House, No. 3741);

Relative to water betterment in the town of Brewster (House, No. 3955) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing superannuation retirement for Leo Senecal (House, No. 4139) [Local Approval Received];

Exempting Kevin Farragher from the maximum age requirement for appointment as a firefighter in the town of North Andover (House, No. 4143) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing a sick leave bank for Sharon Easter, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4209);

Exempting the positions of police chief and fire chief in the town of North Andover from the civil service law (House, No. 4212) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing a sick leave bank for Dorothy Lafratta, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 4249); and

Validating the action taken at the annual town election held in the town of Lanesborough (printed in House, No. 4250);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House No. 285, reported, in part, a Bill relative to golf courses (House, No. 227).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the town of Tisbury (House, No. 4194) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 257, a Bill relative to the resale of mattresses (House, No. 4299).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4134, a Bill authorizing the town of Foxborough to grant three additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4300) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, No. 380, a Bill relative to technical corrections to the Massachusetts Business Corporation Act (House, No. 4301).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3924, a Bill making amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code covering general provisions, documents of title and secured transactions including technical amendments (House, No. 4302).

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to a sick leave bank for an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 4286).

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to create an exemption for low-income seniors from Proposition two and one half overrides (House, No. 2840).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3119 and 3134, a Bill relative to property tax classification in cities and

Phenylketonuria
Awareness.

Dennis Water
District.

Brewster.

Leo
Senecal.

Kevin
Farragher.

Sharon
Easter.

North
Andover.

Dorothy
Lafratta.

Lanesborough.

Golf courses,
liquor
licenses.

Tisbury.

Mattresses.

Foxborough.

Business
Corporation
Act.

Uniform
Commercial
Code.

Rhea
Lindset.

Low-income
seniors.

Property
taxes,
classification.

Property
taxes,
classification.

towns (House, No. 3119, changed by adding at the end thereof the following section:

“SECTION 2. This act shall be effective for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2007.”).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Relative to the Department of Public Works in the town of Hatfield (see printed as Senate, No. 2238); and

Relative to recall elections in the town of Holbrook (see Senate, No. 2304);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.